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SUBJ: IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSIONS: CONCLUDING
STATEMENTS UNDER GENERAL DEBATE (FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPT 21)

SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE, AGENDA ITEM 10, WAS CONCLUDED
DURING AFTERNOON SESSION SEPT 21 WITH STATEMENTS FROM 11
NATIONS. MONGOLIA AND GDR PRESENTED MAIDEN SPEECHES PRAISING
SPIRIT OF DETENTE AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THEIR ADMISSION TO
AGENCY MEMBERSHIP. FRANCE CURTLY REBUTTED SEVERAL EARLIER
STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS.

1. GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC REVIEWED AT SOME LENGTH ITS
NATIONAL PROGRAM IN NUCLEAR SCIENCES AND PRAISED ASSISTANCE
IT HAD RECEIVED FROM USSR. THE SPIRIT OF DETENTE WAS NOTED
AS MAJOR FACTOR IN GDR'S ADMISSION TO IAEA.

2. PERU ALSO FOCUSSED MAINLY ON ITS OWN NUCLEAR PROGRAM,
NOTING THAT THE PREVALENCE OF UNDEVELOPED HYDROELECTRIC
ENERGY IN PERU WOULD MAKE NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS UNNECESSARY
FOR REMAINDER OF CENTURY.

3. AUSTRIA, AS IAEA'S HOST NATION, DEVOTED MOST OF ITS
STATEMENT TO PRAISING THE AGENCY'S PROGRAM, WITH PARTICULAR
ATTENTION TO SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITIES.

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4. POLAND PRAISED AT SOME LENGTH THE ADMISSION OF THE GDR WHICH IT SEES AS A SYMPTOM OF MORE GENERAL DETENTE. POLAND ALSO HAD KIND WORDS FOR THE AGENCY, PARTICULARLY FOR THE NUCLEAR INFORMATION SERVICE, AND ANNOUNCED THAT POLAND IS INCREASING ITS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. POLAND URGED A SPEEDING UP OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WORLD-WIDE SAFEGUARDS, AND NOTED THE ESPECIALLY STRONG NEED FOR THESE IN WEST GERMANY.

5. SWITZERLAND NOTED ITS PARTICIPATION IN GLOBAL ENERGY PLANS BEING DEVELOPED THROUGH VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND BRIEFLY REVIEWED SWISS INTEREST IN RESEARCH ON FUSION AND HIGH TEMPERATURE REACTORS.

6. NIGERIA'S STATEMENT FOCUSED ATTENTION ON THE NEED OF THE POORER COUNTRIES FOR MORE AMPLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND INCLUDED A BITTER COMMENT ON THE ALLEGED "COLLABORATION OF THE SUPPORTERS OF NPT WITH NOTORIOUS SOUTH AFRICA."

7. ALTHOUGH MONGOLIA HAD NOT COMPLETED THE FORMALITIES OF ACQUIRING MEMBERSHIP IN THE IAEA, ITS DELEGATE SPOKE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE SECRETARIAT AND CONFERENCE PRESIDENT. THE STATEMENT STRESSED BOTH THE INITIATIVE OF THE SOVIETS AND THE "REALISM" OF WESTERN LEADERS FOR THE SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE CHANGES RECENTLY VISIBLE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. MONGOLIA ALSO SPOKE WARMLY OF NPT, NOTING THAT ITS RATIFICATION HAD OCCURRED IN 1968 AND THAT MONGOLIAN SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WAS COMPLETED LAST YEAR. OTHER ASPECTS OF THE AGENCY PROGRAM WERE ALSO PRAISED.

8. STATEMENTS FROM COSTA RICA, LEBANON AND MOROCCO CONTAINED LITTLE OF NOTE, AND THE SESSION ENDED WITH A BRIEF, BLUNT STATEMENT FROM FRANCE'S BERTRAND GOLDSCHMIDT WHICH RESPONDED TO SEVERAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING WITH THE DECLARATION THAT NOTHING IN THE AGENCY'S STATUTE EMPOWERS THE AGENCY TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM. GOLDSCHMIDT TARTLY URGED THAT THE AGENCY STICK TO THOSE THINGS WHICH IT IS AUTHORIZED TO DO.

9. FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE GENERAL DEBATE, THE
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PLENARY SESSION TURNED TO THE REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE WHICH GENERATED BELLIGERENT INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS FROM ALBANIA, CUBA AND SOUTH VIETNAM. THESE ARE REPORTED SEPTEL.TAPE

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